i. The Madras Presidency College,
ii. The Madras Christian College,
iii. The Pachayyappa's College,
iv. The Loyolla College,
v. College of Arts, Trivandrum,
vi. College of Science, Trivandrum?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sub-divisions (a) & (b).

The Principals of the Colleges mentioned in sub-division (b) have been addressed in the matter. The information cannot be given as their replies have not been received.

Appointments—Principle regarding.

684. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) whether it is priority of appointment in the service or (b) the total service that counts in the matter of filling up permanent vacancies ;

2. if it is priority in appointment, will the Government be pleased to state whether this rule has been invariably followed by appointing authorities ;

3. is the Government aware of a provision in the S. O. by which in the matter of appointments to short privilege leave vacancies the rule of priority of appointment need not be looked into ;

4. is not the Government aware that it is not the fault of those appointed earlier in service that they sometimes happen to have less total service than others who were appointed subsequent to them ;

5. does not the S. O. No. 16 enjoin on appointing authorities to make acting appointments with as much care as permanent ones and that the mere fact of having officiated in short vacancies will not confer any claim to permanent vacancies when they arise ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Yes ; priority of appointment in the post *i. e.*, generally the length of continuous acting service unless other reasons exist.

2. Government expect the appointing authorities to follow the rules.

3. Yes.

4. There may be cases like that.

5. Yes.

Forest Department—Strength of Tanadars and Watchers.

685. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the number of Tanadars and Watchers employed by the Government during the last 10 years;

(b) the service that these men have on 1st Kumbham 1107;

(c) whether they have to furnish any security and if so what amount?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a)

Year.	Number of Watchers.	Number of Tanadars.
1098	90	26
1099	90	26
1100	90	26
1101	90	26
1102	89	27
1103	89	27
1104	89	27
1105	89	27
1106	100	27
1107	100	27

In addition to the number of Watchers shown above, seven more Watchers have also been entertained for a period of 6 months in each of these years.

(b) The service of Watchers and Tanadars cannot be definitely known as their services are temporary and service books are not maintained for them.

(c) Tanadars have to furnish a security of Rs. 100 each and Watchers have to furnish no security.

Application for appointment from one barber Narayanan.

686. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they had received petitions from one barber Narayanan of Vadakkancheri (a passed School Final) seeking employment in any department of State service in 1106 or 1107;

(b) whether subsequent to the receipt of such a petition by any departmental head any acting or permanent vacancy had been filled up by any departmental head and if so, how many by each of them;

(c) what was the difficulty in giving one of these posts to the applicant;

(d) does not the Government know that he is the only School Final from his community;

(e) is it not still the policy of the Government to show preference to Members of backward communities in the matter of appointments?

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